

AUSTIN JOHN D  
Form 4  
May 17, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
AUSTIN JOHN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 EAST RIDGE ROAD

(Street)

RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Chefs' Warehouse, Inc. [CHEF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/17/2012                              |                                                             | A                                    | 1,802<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                  | \$ 0<br>(1)<br>8,215                                                                                               | D                                                                    |                                         |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |       |                                        |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                                  | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                       | Date<br>Exercisable                                 | Expiration<br>Date                                                         | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AUSTIN JOHN D<br>100 EAST RIDGE ROAD<br>RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Alexandros Aldous, Attorney-in-Fact for John D.  
Austin

05/17/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

This reporting person received 1,802 shares of restricted common stock pursuant to The Chefs' Warehouse, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Equity

(1) Incentive Plan. The forfeiture restrictions associated with 100% of the award will lapse on the date of the issuer's 2013 annual stockholders' meeting.

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